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1. From mid-April to 14 July 1954, the Flugplatz Kaserne [ ] in Schoenwalde was occupied almost to capacity by an AAA unit and a rocket launcher unit. The strength of troops was estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 men. The following observations were made:

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On 13 April: 6 x 85-mm AA guns were emplaced in the area of the sewage land west of Schoenwalde settlement. The guns were later moved to the kaserne.

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On 30 April: AAA firing at the installation, probably with light guns. No targets were seen.

1 May: [ ] AAA units were entrained and detrained at Boetzow railroad station. It seemed that units were exchanged.

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15 May: At 0600, the kaserne was alerted. The following vehicles subsequently left the installation: about 40 trucks including 18 towing 37-mm AA guns and two trucks mounting two twin-barreled 25-mm AA guns, and 3 trucks with field kitchens. The vehicles drove as far as the canal and returned at about 0630.

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[ ] About 250 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were involved in the alert practice.

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11 May: two rocket launchers [ ] drove out of the installation.

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19 May: 4 trucks, each with a 37-mm AA gun, departed toward Falkensee. [ ] The vehicles were occupied by about 10 soldiers each.

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25 May: practice with 4 rocket launchers (M-13) [ ]

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11 June: 3 M-13 rocket launchers [ ] left

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the barracks installation. Another 3 rocket launchers, 5 officers and about 20 soldiers and truck [ ] were seen in the woods near Pausin.

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23 June: 7 rocket launchers [ ] and 3 trucks carrying a total of 60 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets moved out of the installation. [ ]

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28 June: At 0700, 3 x 37-mm AA guns were emplaced along the edge of the woods west of Schoenwalde village. Four officers and 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen nearby. All vehicles returned to the installation at about 1100.

At 0430 on 8 July: departure of a radio truck, 2 trucks with field kitchen, 2 buses each with about 20 officers and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 trucks with another 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets each toward Falkensee. All vehicle numbers were painted over.

9 July: two M-13 rocket launchers drove to the installation from the direction of Ziegenkrug Forsthaus.

2. At 1900 on 29 April, 6 trucks [ ] towing a 37-mm AA gun each, 3 sedans and 1 radio truck left the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Schoenwalde. Another about 10 trucks and several 37-mm AA guns stood in the yard. These vehicles later moved toward Velten for a field exercise. On 12 May, the strength of troops at the kaserne considerably decreased. There were only about 1,000 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets still stationed at the installation. The railroad sidings to the airfield were dismantled. At 1530 on 5 June, a convoy of about 10 trucks towing 4 x 37-mm AA guns moved into the quarters. The kaserne seemed only partly occupied.

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3. On 7 May, Colonel Tyulenev (fnu) was in the headquarters building of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. He signed bills for the AAA emplacement at Meissnershof and the two units near Steinförde i.e. for units Zerginenko and Krasnogolovtsev. There was intensive activity in the billeting area of Unit Tyulenev. Four light AA guns stood in the yard. Soldiers drilled under the supervision of officers. The three AAA emplacements previously observed were still occupied by 3 x 85-mm AA guns each. Scarcely any movements by Unit Chesnakov were noticed at the installation. One Lieutenant Borusov (fnu) wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was mentioned for the first time as adjutant. Three M-31 canvas-covered rocket launchers were serviced in the yard.

4. On 8 July, it was learned that Colonel Tyulenev had been relieved by Colonel Khurch in late May. The current food consumption at the kaserne in May and June 1954 indicated that no major occupational changes had occurred. The AAA emplacements were still occupied. Since only little activity was noticed in the billeting area of Unit Chesnakov, it seemed that the strength of troops there decreased.

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Comment. It appears that, in general, the occupation of the kaserne by the 31st AAA Div and the 90th RL Regt of the Second Gds Mech Army did not change during the period under review. A change in the total occupation would have been difficult to discern, since a transfer and the return of another unit almost coincided. This applies especially to the 31st AAA Div which has been engaged in firing with live ammunition at Wustrow since February 1954 and which currently detaches elements as AAA protection for the Hq Second Gds Mech Army in the Fuerstenberg/Havel-Steinforde area. The bulk of the 90th RL Regt has been presumably stationed at the post during the time of observation. Colonel Tyulenev (fnu) who has been succeeded by hitherto unknown Colonel Khruch (fnu), was supply officer with the 31st AAA Div. Lieutenant Colonel Chesnakov (fnu) is carried as commanding officer of the 90th RL Regt.

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